(d) Whenever there are traffic jams, additional traffic staff is deployed to clear these and to regulate heavy vehicular traffic.

Freedom fighters applications from Orissa

2946. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications pertaining to freedom fighters' pension furnished by the Orissa Government to the Central Government during 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) how many out of them have been approved;

(c) what is the number of applications pending with Government for approval; and

(d) by when Government propose to clear the pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) A total number of 212 applications for freedom fighters pension were forwarded by the Government of Orissa to the Central Government recommending grant of pension from Central revenues during 1987-88 and 1988-89, the break-up of which is given below:

1987-88	185
1988-89	27

(b) 86 cases were approved and pension sanctioned by the Government of India during 1987-88 and 1988-89.

(c) In 118 cases decision is pending for want of reports/clarifications from the State Government.

(d) As the decisions can be taken only on receipt of information called for from the State Government, no firm date can be indicated.

Nomination of Trustees of Somnath Trust

2947. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any vecancies of Trustees to be appointed by the Central Government on the Somnath Trust, if so, since when; and

(b) what are the reasons for not filling the vacancies in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Standing Committee on safety review of big Dams

2948. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee appointed by the Ministry of Water Resources had recommended in July, 1986, *inter-alia*, that States shall arrange Safety Review of the dams which are more than 50 metres high or which store 50,000 acre-feet or more of water, by an independent panel of experts, once in ten years;

(b) the names and locations of the dams under the above category and when each one was constructed;

(c) whether any of these dams has been studied for 'Safety Review' and when and with what findings;

(d) whether taking into account the grave danger to public life and property as per the report in Times of India of